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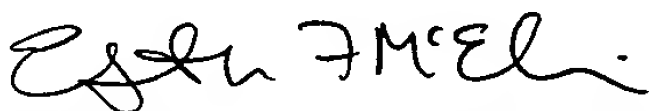
1. The reply filed on November 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): That status identifiers of the claims are inaccurate. See, for example, claims 2, 3, 13, 14, 16-20, 22 and 23 are withdrawn from consideration, but are not labeled with the identifier (withdrawn). Please resubmit the response with the appropriate status identifier for each claims. Note that the seven permissible status identifiers are: cancelled, previously presented, withdrawn, currently amended, original, new, and not entered. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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